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Rev. A. G. Graves, Rev. J. H. Smith, Rev. D. Johnson, Rev. Moses Gurst, Rev. K. Dixon.

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Rev. S. Wade, Rev. K. Dixon, Rev. W. H. Jones, Rev. C. P. Springfield, G. Smith, J. P. Parks, Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. J. H. Love, Rev. C. W. Crutchfield.

Banking Committee.

R. H. Winstead, G. Smith, Rev. R. D. Mason.

PROCEEDINGS

The Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association convened with the River Zion Baptist Church near Blanche, Caswell County, August 8, 1917, in its fiftieth annual session at 10:30 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. C. J. Springfield. The former moderator, Brother G. Smith, acted as secretary. Revs. K. Dixon, S. Wade, David Johnson, and G. Stokes were appointed to conduct devotional exercises. Rev. K. Dixon read hymn, "Lord in the Morning, Thou Shalt Hear," which was sung by the brethren with much earnestness and gladness Second hymn, Rev. C. P. Williamson, which caused the brethren to be still more aroused spiritually. Then the Rev. Wade, one of the fathers of the Association, read 574, viz.: "Amazing Grace." Rev. David Johnson, the oldest member of the Association gave a scripture reading, the 24th Matthew. Rev. S. Stokes offered prayer. "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" was sung, led by Rev. S. Wade, after which the Rev. C. P. Williamson offered another soul stirring prayer.

Devotional exercises having closed, Rev. W. H. Harrison led "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" as a prelude to business. Time for business having arrived, Rev. C. J. Springfield arose, speaking with unusual zeal in demonstrating to the Association the work that was claiming their attention, announced that the Association was ready for business.

Next in order was the welcome address by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Johnson, who came forward and extended a hearty welcome to ministers, delegates and friends. Able responses were made to the welcome address by Revs. K. Dixon, C. W. Crutchfield, C. P. Williamson, R. A. Baird, W. H. Harrison, S. Wade, David Johnson, and Brother Alex. Hester. In responding to the welcome address, much emphasis was placed upon the imperative "Stay in the house."

Next in order was the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

Rev. G. A. Currie, corresponding secretary, read the rules. Time having arrived for the introductory sermon, the same was arranged. Revs. C. W. Crutchfield and Wm. Abbott entered the stand for the service. Rev. C. J. Springfield sang "'Tis the Promise of God," after which Rev. Abbott read hymn No. 350, and led same in singing. Rev. Crutchfield, the speaker, read Hosea 6th as scripture reading lesson, followed by a fervent prayer by Rev. Abbott. Rev. Springfield commended the speakers to the audience. Rev. Crutchfield sang, "God Don't Want no Coward Soldiers," and began the sermon.

Judges 7:2, viz.: "The Lord saith unto Gideon, the people that are with you are too many for me," was the text.

Theme, too many for service. The Rev. did not fail to do justice to the occasion. The sermon was quite a treat to the Association.

In conclusion prayer was offered by Dr. F. M. Hughes. Next singing. Collection, superintended by Revs. J. W. Owen and T. Y. Stanfield; amount raised, $4.20. Annual address was the next in order, Rev. Springfield delivering same. On motion, the address was referred to Committee on Annual Address, viz.: Revs. J. H. Love, T. Y. Stanfield and R. A. Baird. On motion, all visitors were called and made welcome. The following responded: Rev. F. M. Hughes, Dr. Moses, Dr. Browsaw, Rev. W. P. Terry, Rev. N. T. Johnson, Rev. G. H. E. Washington, Rev. J. F. Haraway, B. J. McGehee, Rev. C. L. Hunt, and T. C. Ervin.

The hour having arrived for dinner, the Association adjourned. Benediction was offered by Rev. S. Wade.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 2:30 p. m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. Tom Hughes, L. Johnson, and J. H. Love. No. 491 was read by Rev. Johnson, and sung by the congre-

gation. Scripture reading, John 14th, by Rev. Hughes. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Love. A beautiful selection was led by Rev. C. P. Williamson, then the chair announced that the hour had arrived for business.

Minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.

Next was the enrollment of messengers.

Enrollment of Delegates.

Allen's Chapel—Joe Graves, Philip Woods.
Beulah—F. M. Whitfield.
Burton's Chapel—L. Bigelow, W. C. Cobbett.
Blackwell—Walter Turner.
Blue Stone—R. T. Mills, A. H. Williamson.
Bold Spring—F. F. Mills.
Ephesus—M. Harrelson, Weldon Williamson.
Graves' Chapel—James Graves, Wm. Graves.
Gwynn's Chapel—J. M. Murch, E. D. Swann.
Hamer—C. H. Allen, C. C. Sanders.
Hyco Zion—R. Winstead, E. Smith.
High Street Milton—Joe Dotson, A. Phelps.
Hight Rock—R. Garland, Johny Long.
Jones' Cross Road—
Mount Olive—J. M. Blackwell, Jas. Steward.
Mount Hermon—W. W. Lipscomb.
Mount Zion—Tom Smith, J. H. Bolton.
Mount Bethel—By pastor.
Mill Hill—A. W. Johnson, West Smith.
Mayo Grove—E. Luster.
Mineral Spring—Jim Foster, T. L. Cobb.
Morning Star—Wm. Abbott.
New Hope—A. Dixon, Fred. Thompson.
New Zion—Isaac McCain, Willie Thaxton.
New Mount Zion—J. P. Parks, C. Outlaw.
Olive Hill—A. Wylie, Sam. Brooks.
Pleasant Grove—E. Wilkerson.

Prospect Hill—G. W. Allen, E. Warren.
Providence—Alex. Evans, Weldon Evans.
Red Hill—B. B. Brown, J. W. Williams.
River Zion—Moses Lipscomb, M. Lee.
Saint James—John Fuller, Will Paylor.
Sweet Gum Grove—J. B. Martin, W. J. Martin.
Shady Grove—Sidney Garrett, J. E. Swann.
Smith's Chapel—Jas. Hogue, J. H. McCain.
Sassafras Grove—Henderson Jones, S. Q. Walker.
Spring Grove—
Sunny Home—J. C. Clark.
Warren's Chapel—H. C. Crawlie, Nelson Graves.
Yanceyville—Henry Currie, Jas. Graves.
Young's Chapel—L. Lunsford, Sam. Ellison.
Zion's Level—B. B. Boland, J. H. Johnson.

Next service to claim the attention of the Association was the doctrinal sermon by Rev. R. D. Mason. On motion, the sermon was postponed until 8:30 p. m. Next was the roll of ordained ministers called and revised. The list of licentiates was also called and revised. On motion, a Committee on Reception was appointed. On motion, the funerals of Rev. H. Y. Yancey and Rev. Henry Grasty were ordered for second day—early afternoon—by Rev. S. Wade. The hour having arrived for preaching at the Arbor, Revs. Wm. Abbott and Wm. Warner were sent to the Arbor. Next was the election of officers. Rev. C. J. Springfield and Rev. G. A. Currie were nominated for moderator. Rev. Springfield receiving the greatest number of votes was declared elected.

Revs. C. P. Williamson and J. H. Williams were placed in nomination for vice-moderator. Rev. C. P. Williamson receiving the greatest number of votes was declared elected.

On motion, the rules were suspended and Brother G. Smith was elected recording secretary; Rev. G. A. Currie corresponding secretary, and Brother Ed. Smith treasurer, by acclamation.

On motion, the same ordaining council was re-elected, with the exception of Rev. A. L. Johnson and Rev. W. H. Harrison. Revs. J. H. Love and C. W. Crutchfield occupy their places on the board.

On motion, the board of trustees was re-elected, with the exception of Revs. W. H. Harrison and A. L. Johnson. Rev. C. W. Crutchfield and Brother S. W. White occupy their places on the board of trustees.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. K. Dixon.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

The Association reconvened at 8:30 p. m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. After making some remarks, the moderator announced that the Association was ready for business.

The ordaining council reported that Rev. T. P. Wylie had met the board and passed a creditable examination, and recommended that he be ordained.

Next was the doctrinal sermon by Rev. R. D. Mason; alternate, Rev. B. J. McGehee. So they entered the stand and arranged for the same.

Rev. Springfield introduced the speakers. Rev. McGehee read No. 5, and led in singing the same. Rev. Mason read as scripture lesson 3d chapter of Paul's letter to Timothy. Prayer was offered by Rev. McGehee. Rev. Mason sang "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours," then announced his text: Ex. 4:2.

Subject: What is that in thy hand?

1. Moses in his infancy.
2. Moses being developed.
3. Fleeing from Egypt.
4. On Mount Horeb.

The sermon was progressive and showed preparedness. In closing, the ordination of Rev. T. P. Wylie was resumed. Rev. C. J. Springfield offered prayer. Rev. T. Y. Stanfield delivered the charge; Rev. J. H. Love presented the Bible, and Rev. K. Dixon extended the right hand of fellowship.

Next was a collection. Sum raised, $5.09. Evening session closed. Benediction by Rev. R. D. Mason.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association convened at 9:30 a. m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Deacon Wilkerson introduced the morning service by singing "Why Should We Start and Fear to Die?"

The following conducted devotional exercises: Revs. G. W. Neal, H. J. Madden, and R. D. Mason. No. 310 introduced, the devotional exercises read and led by Rev. Madden. Isaiah 55th read by Rev. Mason as scripture lesson. Rev. G. W. Neal offered prayer and led in singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

The moderator, after making a few remarks, announced that the Association was ready for business. Minutes read, received and adopted. Hour for preaching at the Arbor having arrived, Revs. T. M. Hughes and F. Love were sent to preach. Appointment of committees, viz.:

Time and Place:

Richard Winstead, E. Luster, C. W. Crutchfield, Will Paylor, F. T. Mills, Joe Dotson, Anderson Wylie, J. M. Wylie.

Committee on Auditing:

Rev. A. D. Mason, Rev. T. Y. Stanfield, Rev. William Warner.

Committee on Foreign Missions:

M. L. Burton, G. W. Johnson, H. Currie, E. D. Swann, Jona Bolton, L. Lunsford.

Committee on Appropriation:

J. H. Williams, R. A. Baird, S. W. White, Joe Graves, F. M. Whitfield, Sam. Brooks.

Committee on Education:

R. D. Mason, T. H. Lea, W. H. Harrison, J. P. Parks, C. P. Williamson, C. C. Richmond.

Committee on Printing:

Philip Woods, Walter Turner, Jas. Graves, A. W. Johnson, E. D. Warren, Henderson Jones, B. B. Bolton.

Committee on Home Missions:

Jas. Hogue, T. P. Wylie, Tom Smith, Sidney Garrett, Fred. Thompson, John Fuller, Jas. Johnson.

Committee on Finance:

J. H. Love, J. M. Graves, S. W. White, J. E. Swann, E. G. Graves, E. Wilkerson.

Committee on Obituary:

W. W. Lipscomb, E. D. Warren, J. B. Martin, R. B. Johnson, A. A. Dixon, Sam. Barnett, Isaac McCain.

Committee on Ministerial Improvement:

S. Wade, T. H. Lea, R. D. Mason, G. A. Currie, S. B. Brown, J. W. Owen.

Committee on Sermons:

J. W. Williamson, W. J. Martin, C. H. Allen, J. H. Long, W. M. Graves, West Smith.

Committee on Annual Address reported. See reports.

Dr. S. A. Moses having arrived was made welcome to a seat among the brethren. He made a few remarks which were helpful and instructive.

Morning session adjourned for dinner. Benediction was offered by Rev. S. Wade.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Rev. C. J. Springfield presiding. Time, 2:30 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. R. A. Baird,

M. L. Burton and David McGehee. Rev. Baird read and sang No. 375. Rev. M. L. Burton read as scripture lesson 11th Psalm. Rev. McGehee offered prayer. Rev. C. P. Williamson sang, "I Shall See Him Face to Face." The moderator arose, and after making some helpful remarks, called the house to business.

Rev. C. M. Murchison, pastor of the white Baptist Church of Yanceyville, was introduced to the Association. Rev. Murchison was accorded a hearty reception. He spoke from the following passages of scripture: "If the foundation be destroyed, what will the righteous do?" "Feeding the multitude on five loaves of bread and two fishes." He handled the two subjects well, and made quite an impression on the brethren and friends.

Next speaker was Dr. S. A. Moses, of Danville, who spoke on Foreign Missions. He made an excellent discourse. The Association raised $5.55 for Dr. Moses.

Excellent remarks were made by M. F. Hughes and Washington.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Murchison for such profound, far-reaching and soul-stirring remarks. So will say, please meet again, Rev. Murchison.

Next in order was the funerals of Rev. Yancey and Rev. Grasty by Rev. S. Wade, but owing to the hour, they were postponed until later, one until 8:30 p. m.

The Association adjourned to allow the committees to go into session. Reassembled and resumed reading reports.

Board of trustees reported. See reports.

Committee on Reception reported. See reports.

Building Committee reported. See reports.

Committee on Time and Place reported. See reports.

Committee on Auditing reported. See reports.

Brother Ed. Smith made a verbal statement as his report.

On motion, the Association extended to him a vote of thanks.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. See reports. Rev. W. H. Harrison came forward and made an able address on Foreign Missions.

On motion, hereafter all money raised in the Association be paid out by the Committee on Appropriation.

The hour having arrived, the Association adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Owen.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

The Association reassembled at 8:30 p. m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Revs. S. B. Browsaw and Wm. Brown were sent to the Arbor to preach. This was the hour to have the funerals of Rev. H. Y. Yancey and Henry Grasty. The funerals were conducted by Revs. S. Wade and W. H. Harrison. Rev. Harrison led hymn No. 464, "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above." Rev. S. Wade read as scripture lesson 2 Cor., 15. Prayer was offered by Rev. K. Dixon. Second hymn, No. 648, "Servant of God, Well Done," by Rev. Harrison. The vice-moderator arose and introduced the preachers who were to speak. Rev. W. H. Harrison spoke of the life and work of the two ministers. Afterwards Rev. Wade began the funeral under prevailing circumstances. Rev. Wade preached a good sermon. Text: Matthew 25:7. After preaching, Rev. C. P. Williamson called for collection. Sum raised $6.29.

The congregation, in a brief way, showed their benevolence to Rev. K. Dixon by donating to him $4.55. Rev. Silas Lea offered prayer and the evening session closed.

Benediction was offered by Rev. S. B. Brown.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The Association convened at 9:30 a. m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by

Revs. C. P. Williamson, C. C. Kirby and William Brown. No. 650 was the opening hymn, led by Rev. Brown. Scripture lesson, 122 and 133 Psalm, by Rev. Williamson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Kirby. "Nearer My God, to Thee" was sung by Rev Williamson, after which the moderator declared the Association ready for business.

As the Missionary Baptist preacher, Rev. J. F. Davis, of Milton, was in, he was made welcome. Mr. T. C. Irvin field agent of the Negro organization on sanitation of Petersburg, Va., was made welcome.

Next, minutes of afternoon and evening sessions were read, received and adopted. The hour having arrived for preaching at the Arbor, Rev. S. B. Brown and Rev. R. B. Johnson were sent to the Arbor to preach.

On motion, Revs. C. L. Hunt and Keen were introduced and made welcome.

Rev. J. F. Davis was requested to say something, so he came forward, taking for his subject Missions. His remarks were timely and far-reaching.

Rev. W. H. Harrison responded to Rev. Davis.

Committee on Appropriation reported. See reports.

President from the Sunday School Convention reported, donating the sum of $46 for education. See reports.

Committee on Sermons reported. See reports.

Committee on Finance reported. See reports.

Trustees and Board of Directors reported. See reports.

Next in order was an educational rally. The following churches responded: Allen's Chapel, $1; Beulah, $1; Blackwell, 50 cents; Burton's Chapel, 50 cents; Ephesus, $1; Gwynn's Chapel, $1; Graves' Chapel, $1; Hyco Zion, $1; Hamer, $1; High Rock, $1; High Street Milton, 50 cents; Mount Olive, $1; Mill Hill, $1.50; Mineral Springs, $1; Mayo Grove, 50 cents; Morning Star, $1; New Zion, $1; New Hope, 50 cents; New Mt. Zion, 50 cents; Prospect Hill, $1; Red Hill, $1; Shady Grove, $1; Sassafras Grove, 50 cents; Pleasant Grove, 50 cents; Saint James, $1; River Zion, $1; Smith's Chapel, 50 cents; Young's Chapel, 50

cents; Warren's Chapel, $1; Zion's Level, $1. S. W. White, 50 cents; G. Smith, 50 cents; Andrew Thaxton, 50 cents; Rev. S. L. Badget, $1; Rev. R. B. Johnson, 25 cents; Rev. William Brown, 50 cents; Ernest Jones, $1.

Ministers: Rev. W. H. Harrison, $1; C. W. Crutchfield, $1; R. D. Mason, $1; C. P. Williamson, $1; S. Wade, $1; F. Love, $1; G. A. Currie, $1; T. Y. Stanfield, $1; J. H. Williams, $1; J. H. Love, $1; G. W. Johnson, $1; C. J. Springfield, $1; Jas. S. Adams, $1; J. W. Owen, $1; Wm. Warner, $1; Gwynn Wade, 50 cents; G. W. Neal, 50 cents; C. G. Graves, 50 cents.

On motion, Sisters Katie Watkins and K. White came before the Association.

Sister Watkins read the report from the Sisters' Home Mission Convention, and sister Kitie White gave some helpful instruction. The brethren seeing that the Association is much in need of money to press the work, decided to take subscriptions from any one who desired to help the educational work. The following gave their names: Rev. W. H. Harrison, $10; Jas. Thaxton, $2.50; J. H. Williams, $5; Ed. Smith, $5; J. P. Parks, $5; A. Thaxton, $5; E. Wilkerson, $5; Wm. Brown, $4; T. Y. Stanfield, $5; Richard Winstead, $10; R. A. Beard, $5; C. C. Kirby, $5; S. L. Badget, $5; T. H. Lea, $2.50; G. Smith, $10; G. A. Currie, $10; C. J. Springfield, $5; Rev. F. Love, $5; Albert Johnson, $5; R. D. Mason, $15; C. A. Richmond, $3.

Rev. Irvin, of Petersburg, came before the Association and delivered a wonderful address on sanitation. Rev. Irvin was tendered a vote of thanks.

On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to River Zion Church and friends for hospitality shown to the Association. Some of the members wishing to show their benevolence to Rev. S. Wade, raised three dollars by public collection for him. Next in order was the election of fraternal messengers to other Associations, viz.: East Cedar Grove, C. W. Crutchfield, S. Wade; High Point, G. A. Currie; Sunny Side, J. H. Love; Banister, T. Y. Stanfield; Cherry Stone, C. P. Wil-

liamson, W. A. Harrison; Middle, S. Wade; Smith River, H. L. Burton, W. H. Harrison, Roan D. Price.

The next was the ordaining of Rev. David Price. Rev. T. Y. Stanfield preached; Rev. C. W. Crutchfield offered prayer; Rev. R. D. Mason extended the Bible; Rev. J. H. Love gave the charge, and Rev. K. Dixon extended the right hand of fellowship.

This ended one of the grandest sessions in the history of the Cedar Grove Association. Our next session will meet at the Saint James Baptist Church near Leasburg, Caswell County, N. C., Wednesday before the second Sunday in August, 1918.

Rev. C. J. Springfield,
Moderator.

G. Smith,
Secretary.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Dear brothers, ministers, and delegates of the Cedar Grove Association: We meet here in the fiftieth annual session to do business that will foster the Master's Kingdom.

We are glad that God hast spared us to meet again face to face that we may help to do business for him.

Dear brethren, we cannot consider too gravely this auspicious occasion that brings together so many consecrated men and women who are engaged in the King's business.

We need, therefore, to pray with all our earnestness and faith to be guided wisely during our present Association.

We have congregated here in this meeting, men of sterling qualities who have grown old and great in their consecrated struggle to make the world better, and this number is being strongly reinforced by an army of younger men and women whose souls are being stirred with holy zeal to extend the domain of Him "whose reign of righteousness is destined to become universal" extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Because of the grandeur of your mission and the dignity of your representation, no one dares ridicule your proceedings, and the Christian world pours out its benediction upon even your feeblest effort.

The work which claims our earnest consideration is unapproached in its blessing to suffering humanity, and divine in its origin and lasting benefits. No other kind of work, however splendid, can be greater than that of saving man and of bringing him into harmony with his maker in this feverish age of business excitement, of marvelous scientific revelation, of turbulent political unrest and upheaval.

The Christian world has caught the progressive spirit, and is being greatly stirred to missionary service, and this movement is daily increasing in momentum. The flying evangelist will no doubt soon be seen speeding on the wings of the wind with trumpet in hand, having everlasting Gospel to spread to nations that sit in darkness. Judging from signs of times the Lord is eventually preparing the world to receive Jesus Christ as the Universal King.

The walls about secluded nations are being battered down by tremendous forces of Christian civilization. Rapid transportation and communication and the promiscuous intermingling of the races all contribute to the rapid dissemination of Christianity throughout the world. The world is not as large as it used to be in our exchange of thought.

We have illumined both time and space. We talk in low whispers over metal wires to friends a thousand miles away. We can do better than this: we harness the wind to convey these messages; we record our thoughts on waxed paper to be reproduced at pleasure at any time and place. In fact, we are being pushed so rapidly along all lines of development until we hardly realize that we are living in an epoch-making age. Brain and faith are truly moving mountains.

The future historian will use great adjectives to describe the age in which we live. Among the forces that have given such impetus to civilization and that are changing the whole face of the earth, Christianity may be put down as the most

potential. This great army moving under the conquering flag of the King of kings may be called legion.

The only hope of the world with its difficulties, its problems, its dissensions, and its sins is Christianity. It teaches the world unity of the human race; it points men back to a common parentage and up to heaven to one Divine Parent, and it prophesies with unfailing certainty the final commingling of men into one general brotherhood. The confusion, the irregularities, the irreconcilable differences among men caused by race and color and conditions will find their happiest solution in the adoption of the spirit of Christianity.

It guards with increasing vigilance the interest of the poor and the oppressed; it threatens with utter condemnation the selfish, rich, and the proud. Tyrannical Christianity is sometimes referred to as the white man's religion, but there is not one sentence in the Bible that guarantees the white man any special favor or privilege above any other man of any other race. The Bible proclaims salvation for all, redemption for all, and equal blessings to all without regard to race, color, or condition. The bugle call is "Come," unto all the ends of the earth, "and be saved." Those who feel deprived of this world's advantages should be the most interested in the spread of Christianity—the one great power that can stay the iron hand of Russia from invoking vengeance upon the helpless Jew is the sword of the spirit, and one great power that can bring the Negro people of America their manhood and right is pure Christianity. It can well be called the power behind the throne, and exercised by an omnipotent hand.

Books of science, of law and economics are worthless if Christian ethics be ignored. God and heaven both must fail before right shall die. The world's greatest hero is Christ; the one great word well worth all language in earth or heaven. Man's richest blessing is to know the one true God, and his greatest liberty is the right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. The black man inherits religion; he believes in God, although he disobeys him. His

spiritual fear is great and deeply rooted in his nature; to him God is all the Bible describes Him to be and even more than to the white man. Hell may be fiction, but to the black man it is an appalling reality. Having a religious instinct and a nature greatly charged with spiritual fear, who knows but the Almighty has destined the Negro to demonstrate to the world the regeneration and uplifting influence of Christianity?

It is probably true that three-fourths of the Negroes of this country are communicants of Christian churches, can it be that the Master intends that this latent force rot unused?

The field of Christian endeavor is wide open, inviting our most earnest occupation and noblest achievement. Let us here make a new contract involving greater sacrifices for the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Let us leave the question of race, color, tribe, section, and parties for politicians to wrangle over, and with banners proudly waving let us go forth to conquer, inspired by the battle cry: "The World for Christ."

May the great Head of the Church rest and abide with us all. Amen.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Committee on Sermons.

We, your Committee on Sermons, beg leave to submit the following report:

That Rev. R. A. Baird preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. Wm. Warner, alternate; Rev. G. A. Currie preach the Doctrinal Sermon, with Rev. S. L. Badget his alternate; Rev. J. W. Owen preach the Educational Sermon, with Rev. Oscar Springfield his alternate; Rev. G. W. Johnson preach

the Sermon on Foreign Missions, with Rev. C. P. Williamson his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Williamson.
E. I. Warren.
Wm. Graves.
C. H. Allen.
J. H. Long.

Committee on Education.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we endorse the report of the Board of Directors and Building Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Mason.
T. Y. Stanfield.
W. H. Harrison.
T. H. Lea.
J. M. Blackwell.
C. P. Williamson.
J. P. Parks.
C. C. Richmond.
G. Smith.

Committee on Time and Place.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to submit the following report:

That Saint James be the place for holding our next annual session, and Wednesday before the second Sunday in August, 1918, be the time.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Winstead.
E. Luster.
C. W. Crutchfield.
Will Paylor.
Frank Mills.
Joe Dotson.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, when Jesus Christ our Saviour commissioned his disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, He did not exempt the great continent of Africa, where thousands of our own people do not know of the great message of Jesus Christ, "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and I will give you rest"; be it resolved, that this Association put itself on record as doing more each year for Missions, Home and Foreign; that we do our work through that body known as the Lott-Cary Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. M. L. Burton.
Rev. G. W. Johnson.
G. A. Currie.
E. D. Swann.
W. J. Martin.
West Smith.
Joe Graves.
J. B. Martin.

Committee on Auditing.

We, your Committee on Auditing, beg leave to submit the following report for 1916:

Received from churches	$ 120.00
Received from ministers and delegates	41.60
Received from churches for education	40.45
Amount from Introductory Sermon	3.75
Amount from Doctrinal Sermon	5.35
Amount from other sermons	12.31
Amount from Sunday School Convention	23.75
Total	$ 252.22

Brought forward from 1915	$ 22.36
	$ 274.58
Receipts show paid out	252.75
Balance August 8, 1917	$ 21.83

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Mason.
Wm. Warner.
T. Y. Stanfield.

Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

The following churches were represented by paying three dollars each: Allen's Chapel, Beulah, Burton's Chapel, Blackwell, Blue Stone, Bold Spring, Ephesus, Graves' Chapel, Gwynn's Chapel, Hamer, Hyco Zion, High Street Milton, High Rock, Mount Olive, Mount Hermon, Mount Zion, Mill Hill, Mayo Grove, Mineral Spring, Morning Star, New Hope, New Zion, New Mount Zion, Olive Hill, Pleasant Grove, Prospect Hill, Providence, Red Hill, River Zion, Saint James, Sweet Gum Grove, Shady Grove, Smith's Chapel, Sassafras Grove, Sunny Home, Warren's Chapel, Yanceyville, Younge's Chapel, Zion's Level. A number of churches paying thirty-eight. River Zion excused.

Total from churches	$ 114.00
Amount from churches for education	25.00
Home Missions	1.75
Ministerial assessment for education	16.50
Delegates' assessment for education	31.50
Sent for Foreign Missions	.50
From Convention	46.00
From ministerial and deacons:	
For education during year	45.95

Amount sent up from Sisters' Home Mission Convention	$ 2.00
Raised from collections	19.45
Amount raised by ministers and deacons since Oct., 1916, to Aug., 1917, for education	45.95
Amount raised from all sources	$ 302.65

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. H. Love.
Rev. R. A. Baird.
Rev. C. G. Graves.
Jim Graves.
S. W. White.
J. E. Swann.
G. W. Allen.
E. W. Wilkinson.
T. L. Cobb.

Committee on Obituary.

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that the grave monster has failed to visit any of our members since last session.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Lipscomb.
E. D. Warren.
R. B. Johnson.
A. A. Dixon.
Sam. Barnett.
Isaac McCain.
Mitchell Lea.

Committee on Home Missions.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find our schools, public and private, much in need of

means to make them a success. Also our sick and poor are in great need for food and clothing. Our trustees are doing a great work, but the load is too heavy for them to carry alone, so we, deacons and preachers, must give relief by coming to their rescue and doing all we can to help them in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. Hogue.
T. P. Wylie.
Thomas Smith.
Sidney Garrett.
Fred. Thompson.
John Fuller.
James Johnson.

Committee on Reception.

We, your Committee on Reception, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find five licentiates applying for membership into this Association, namely: Revs. J. W. Wylie, G. T. Harris, Moses Winstead, E. C. Kirby, and Sam. Barnett.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. H. Williams.
Rev. C. W. Crutchfield.
Walter Turner.

Committee on Appropriation.

We, your Committee on Appropriation, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we show our benevolence to the brethren as follows:

Recording Secretary	$ 15.00
Corresponding Secretary	3.00
Moderator	5.00
Vice-Moderator	2.00
Printing minutes	56.00

Orphanage	$ 5.00
Foreign and Home Missions	10.00
Incidental expenses	6.00
Collectors	3.00
For printing blanks	3.38
Total	$ 108.38

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Williams.
R. A. Baird.
S. W. White.
Joe Graves.
T. M. Whitfield.
Sam. Barnett.
Sam. Brooks.

Report of the Board of Directors and Trustees.

The Board of Directors and Trustees, in joint session, beg leave to submit the following report:

On motion, we accept the plans of the Building Committee.

On motion, each church in the Association raise twenty-five cents per member for education and forward the same to the Committee on Banking for immediate use in building.

On motion, all moneys on hand, and all that is collected hereafter, is made subject to check issued by Committee on Banking.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors and Trustees.

Report of Committee on Printing.

We, your Committee on Printing, beg leave to submit the following report:

That there be 700 copies of minutes printed, publishing proceedings from this session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Blackwell,
Philip Woods,
B. B. Bolton,
E. W. Warren,
A. W. Johnson,
Jas. Graves,
Walter Turner,
Henderson Jones,
Committee.

Committee on Banking.

We, your Committee on Banking, beg leave to submit the following report:

Brought forward from our last session, 1916	$ 786.77
Received from ministerial and deacons' meetings during the year, for education	45.95
Total August 1, 1917	$ 832.72
Purchasing the East Cedar Grove's Interest in property	162.00
Attorney's fees	5.00
Total expenditures	$ 167.00
Balance	$ 665.72

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Winstead,
G. Smith,
R. D. Mason,
Committee.

Report from Sisters' Home Mission Convention.

We, the Sisters' Home Mission Convention of the Cedar Grove Baptist Association, which convened with the New

Zion Baptist Church of Milton, Caswell County, beg leave to submit the following report, that you may know what we are trying to do for our Master and His missions. We send to represent us Sisters B. B. Bolton and Kitie White. We are yet in our infancy, the last being our second annual session. Will now give the condition of our convention financially.

Brought forward from 1915	$	31.50
Raised during the year 1916		49.05
Grand total for the two sessions	$	80.55

We send to the Association two dollars. Our subordinate societies contribute to the sick and poor, and keep churches and their pastors. Dear brethren, we stand with ready hands, willing to shoulder any movement you make for fostering Christ's Kingdom and the cause of education.

We extend to this Association a hearty welcome to attend our Convention at Smith's Chapel.

Done by order of the Convention.

KATE F. WATKINS,
Secretary.
E. L. GLENN,
President.

HOME MISSION REPORTS.

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the Home Mission Sisters of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, beg leave to submit the following report, that the world may know what we are doing for our dear Saviour. Gave to the sick and needy $4.35; garments given, 25; meals given, 125; visits made to see the

sick, 42; since last session we have lost one member by death. We send by our beloved deacon fifty cents for education.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Tinie Smith,
President.

Mrs. Ella Jay,
Treasurer.

Mrs. Ella Wagstaff,
Secretary.

New Zion Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:—We beg leave to submit the following report: Raised during the year $13.28. Gave to the sick $4.33; gave pastor $4; visits to see the sick, 100; garments to the needy, 200; meals given, 150. Present membership 28. Lost by death, one. We ask your prayers that we may grow stronger in Christ and His mission work until we are called from labor to reward.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mary E. Thaxton,
President.

Mrs. G. A. Harriss,
Vice-President.

Mrs. Emily Jeffreys,
Treasurer.

Mrs. E. J. Mebane,
Secretary.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:—We, the Home Mission Sisters, beg leave to submit the following report for 1917: Number of members, 26; meals given, 24; visits to sick, 68; garments

given, 13; gave to sick and poor $23.85. Home Missions, $6. We ask your prayers for the good work.

Respectfully submitted,
Pleasant Grove Baptist Circle.
Mrs. Sallie Webb,
President.
Mrs. Lucy Johnson,
Treasurer.
Mrs. W. A. Peace,
Secretary.

Sweet Gum Grove Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:—We beg leave to submit the following report: Visits to the sick, 172; meals given, 40; garments given, 15; money given to the needy, $2.25; aid in furnishing seats, $6.15; money raised, $8.25. We send fifty cents by Brethren M. J. and W. J. Martin. We ask your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Cora B. Wylie,
President.
Mrs. Mollie Richmond,
Secretary.
Mrs. Rebecca Baynes,
Treasurer.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. W. H. Harrison----------Danville, Va.
Rev. S. Wade----------Woodsdale, N. C.
Rev. A. L. Johnson, B. D.----------Salem, Va.
Rev. C. W. Crutchfield----------Semora, N. C., R. 2
Rev. C. C. Richmond----------Blanche, N. C., R. 2
Rev. K. Dixon----------Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D.
Rev. R. D. Mason----------Milton, N. C., R. No. 2
Rev. F. Love----------Blanche, N. C., R. No. 2

Rev. G. A. Currie_____Leasburg, N. C.
Rev. T. Y. Stanfield_____Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. C. J. Springfield_____Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. H. Wilson_____Mt. Carmel, Va.
Rev. J. H. Wilson_____Leasburg, N. C.
Rev. S. P. Warren_____Topnot, N. C.
Rev. R. S. Clark_____McIver, N. C.
Rev. G. W. Johnson_____Hurdles Mill, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Smith_____Greensboro, N. C.
Rev. David Johnson _____Winston-Salem, N. C.
Rev. R. L. Thompson_____Leasburg, N. C.
Rev. M. L. Burton_____Danville, Va.
Rev. Jas. Adams_____Danville, Va.
Rev. H. Barnett _____Woodsdale, N. C.
Rev. E. Chrisholm _____Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. R. A. Baird_____South Boston, Va.
Rev. Wm. Abbott _____Draper, N. C.
Rev. C. P. Williamson_____Yanceyville, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Owen_____Mayo, Va.
Rev. A. G. Graves_____Middletown, O., R. F. D.
Rev. W. H. Jones_____Roxboro, N. C.
Rev. W. M. Morton_____Ruffin, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Love_____Ridgeville, N. C.
Rev. Oscar Springfield_____Blanche, N. C., R. No. 2
Rev. R. B. Johnson_____Christie, Va.
Rev. Wm. Brown _____Woodsdale, N. C.
Rev. William Warner _____Pelham, N. C.
Rev. S. L. Badget_____Ruffin, N. C.
Rev. Lewis Lawson _____Roxboro, N. C., R. No. 3
Rev. C. G. Graves_____Leasburg, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Williams_____Leasburg, N. C.
Rev. T. P. Wylie.
Rev. David Price _____Ruffin, N. C.
Rev. T. H. Lea, B. D._____Danville, Va.
Rev. J. F. Farraway _____Danville, Va.
Rev. Bigelow _____Greensboro, N. C.

LIST OF LICENTIATES.

J. M. Wylie, G. T. Harris, Moses Winstead, E. C. Kirby, Sam Barnett, H. Hodnett, George Stokes, Gatewood, N. C.; W. Yancey, Blackwell, N. C.; Moses Gurst, Bethel Hill, N. C.; E. Noble, Hayfield, N. C.; G. A. Holland, Danville, Va.; M. Williams, Danville, Va.; L. D. Royster, Woodsdale, N. C.; N. Price, Pelham, N. C.; W. Johnson, Yanceyville, N. C.; William Henderson, Yanceyville, N. C.; A. S. Adams, Roxboro, N. C.; W. B. Brown, Pelham, N. C.; A. Royall, Semora, N. C.; DeWitt Woods, Leasburg, N. C.; Haywood Byrd, High Towers, N. C.; T. P. Wylie; G. W. Neal, _____, Va.; A. D. Graham, W. L. Badgett, Pelham, N. C., R. F. D.; T. M. Simpson, Robert Rodnett, Henry Maden, James Westerbrooks, Henry Evans, William Pool, Vinson Bradsher, Roxboro, N. C., R. F. D.; James Blackwell, Yanceyville, N. C., R. F. D.; D. Price; S. C. Coleman, Roxboro, N. C.; Gwynn Wade.

LETTER FORM.

The_____Baptist Church.

To the Cedar Grove Baptist Association, to be convened with the Baptist Church of Prospect Hill, Woodsdale, N. C., August, 1912.

Dear Brethren: We send to you Christian greetings.

Brethren _____ will represent us this year, to whom we confide our interest in all business which may come up for your consideration. We have as pastor Rev. _____

The following report shows the condition of our church:

Organized_____; Indebtedness, $_____; Value of church, $_____; Paid pastor during last year, $_____; For benevolent objects, $____; Gained by baptism, _____; By letter, ____; Restored, ____; By experience, ____; Lost

by letter, ____; By exclusion, ____; By death, ____; Present membership, _____.

We send to the Association: For Education, $____; for Home Missions, $_____; for Foreign Missions, $_____; for Orphan Asylum, $_____. We have preaching the first Sunday of each month.

We want our Minutes sent to_____

Postoffice _____

Secretary _____

Done by order of the church.

CHURCHES WITH THEIR SECRETARIES.

Allen's Chapel—Ellis Graves, Leasburg, N. C.

Beulah—Willie Lea, Hightower, N. C.

Burton's Chapel—J. W. Wiley, Corbett, N. C., R. No. 3, Box 43.

Blackwell—S. P. Gwynn, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1.

Blue Stone—H. H. Williams, Ruffin, N. C., R. 2, B. 30.

Bold Spring—

Ephesus—S. L. Badget, Ruffin, N. C., R. F. D.

Graves' Chapel—T. F. Philips.

Gwynn's Chapel—B. F. Williamson, Pelham, N. C., R. No. 1, Box 22.

Hamer—Spencer Jeffreys, Blanche, N. C., R. F. D.

Hyco Zion—John Winstead.

High Street Milton—Kate F. Watkins, Milton, N. C.

High Rock—Emma Stephens, Blanche, N. C., R. F. D.

Jones' Cross Road—Fannie A. Jones, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D.

Mount Olive—Emma Crutchfield, Semora, N. C.

Mount Hermon—Lucy M. Carter, Ruffin, N. C.

Mount Zion—John S. McCain, Woodsdale, N. C., R. 1.

Mount Bethel—

Mill Hill—Zach Villines, Roxboro, N. C., R. 3.

Mayo Grove—Caroline Crowder, Deniston, Va.

Mineral Spring—Mary E. Cannon, Pelham, N. C., R. 1.
Morning Star—M. J. Brown, Spray, N. C.
New Hope—A. A. Dixon, Leasburg, N. C.
New Zion—J. T. McCain, Blanche, N. C., R. 2.
New Mount Zion—
Olive Hill—J. D. Paylor.
Pleasant Grove—S. J. Barnett, Roxboro, N. C.
Prospect Hill—Beulah K. Obie, Woodsdale, N. C.
Providence—A. Walker.
Red Hill—Nannie M. Poteat, Pelham, N. C., R. 1.
River Zion—J. S. Garland, Milton, N. C., R. 1, Box 101.
Saint James—G. Smith, Leasburg, N. C.
Sweet Gum Grove—G. W. Baynes, Union Ridge, N. C.
Shady Grove—J. E. Swann, Pelham, N. C.
Smith's Chapel—W. Hogue, Danville, Va., R. 4.
Sassafras Grove—A. Holloway, Pelham, N. C., R. F. D.
Spring Grove—
Sunny Home—J. C. Clark, Draper, N. C.
Warren's Chapel—Cornelia Moore, Prospect Hill, N. C.
Yanceyville—James Womack, Yanceyville, N. C.
Young's Chapel—Eva O'Briant, Roxboro, N. C.
Zion's Level—J. H. Russell, Semora, N. C.

CHURCHES WITH THEIR PASTORS.

Allen's Chapel—Rev. J. A. Tucker.
Beulah—Rev. G. W. Owen.
Burton's Chapel—Rev. S. P. Warren.
Blackwell—Rev. G. W. Johnson.
Blue Stone—Rev. Jos. Adams.
Bold Spring—Rev. Wm. Morton.
Ephesus—Rev. G. W. Johnson.
Graves' Chapel—Rev. C. W. Crutchfield.
Gwynn's Chapel—Rev. C. R. Williamson.
Hamer—Rev. G. A. Currie.
Hyco Zion—Rev. C. J. Springfield.

High Street Milton—Rev. Farraway.
High Rock—Rev. G. A. Currie.
Jones' Cross Road—Rev. K. Dixon.
Mount Olive—Rev. C. W. Crutchfield.
Mount Hermon—Rev. C. P. Williamson.
Mount Zion—Rev. R. A. Baird.
Mount Bethel—Rev. S. Wade.
Mill Hill—Rev. C. J. Springfield.
Mayo Grove—Rev. R. D. Mason.
Mineral Spring—Rev. C. W. Crutchfield.
Morning Star—Rev. Wm. Abbott.
New Hope—Rev. G. W. Owen.
New Zion—Rev. R. H. Baird.
New Mount Zion—
Olive Hill—Rev. S. V. Warren.
Olive Hill—Rev. S. P. Warren.
Pleasant—Rev. S. L. Parham.
Prospect Hill—Rev. H. Wilson.
Providence—Rev. J. H. Love.
Red Hill—Rev. Jas. Adams.
River Zion—Rev. G. W. Johnson.
Saint James—Rev. R. D. Mason.
Sweet Gum Grove—Rev. S. P. Warren.
Shady Grove—Rev. Jas. Adams.
Smith's Chapel—Rev. M. L. Burton.
Spring Grove—Rev. G. W. Glass.
Sunny Home—Rev. Wm. Abbott.
Warren's Chapel—Rev. G. A. Currie.
Yanceyville—Rev. G. W. Johnson.
Young's Chapel—Rev. C. J. Springfield.
Zion's Level—Rev. J. W. Owen.

PROGRAM FOR MINISTERIAL AND DEACONS' MEETING.

10 A. M.—Assemble.

10 to 10:30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.

10:30 to 11 A. M.—Calling Churches and Enrolling Messengers.

11 to 11:30 A. M.—Receiving dues from Churches.

11:30 to 11:45 A. M.—Election of Officers.

11:45 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.—Appointing Committees on Time and Place, Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.

12:30 to 1:30 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

1:30 P. M.—Adjourn for Dinner.

2:30 P. M.—Reassemble.

PROGRAM.

Wednesday.

10:30 A. M.—Assemble.

10:30 to 11 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.

11 to 11:15 A. M.—Address of Welcome and Response.

11:15 A. M. to 12:15 P. M.—Introductory Sermon.

12:15 to 12:45 P. M.—Opening Address.

12:45 to 1 P. M.—Enrollment of Messengers.

1:00 to 2:30 P. M.—Recess.

2:30 to 3:15 P. M.—Sermon.

3:15 to 3:30 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

3:30 to 4:30 P. M.—Election of Officers.

4:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

Thursday.

9:30 to 10 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.

10 to 10:30 A. M.—Reception and Approving Minutes.

10:30 to 11:15 A. M.—Appointment of Committees.

11:15 to 11:45 A. M.—Reports.

11:45 to 12 M.—Report of Trustees.

12 to 1 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.
1 to 2:30 P. M.—Recess.
2:30 to 3:00 P. M.—Devotional Exercises.
3 to 3:30 P. M.—Address.
3:30 to 3:40 P. M.—Collection.
3:40 to 4 P. M.—Report of Committee on Temperance.
4 to 5 P. M.—Work of Committee.
5 P. M.—Adjournment.

FRIDAY.

9:30 to 10 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
10 to 10:30 A. M.—Reading and Approving Minutes.
10:30 A. M. to 12 M.—Reports of Committees.
12 M. to 1 P. M.—Appointment of Fraternal Messengers, and other business that may come before the Association.
1 to 2:30 P. M.—Recess.
2:30 P. M.—Reassemble.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Cedar Grove Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, wherever God in His providence shall permit us to labor.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches, in the following manner: Each church connected with the Association shall be entitled to send two delegates (together with any licensed minister who holds his membership or pastoral charges within our bounds), who shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, the number baptized the preceding year, restored, deceased, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, the whole number in full fellowship, and the days on which they hold their church meeting. The letter shall also contain a general statement of the condition of the church.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold their offices until another election.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside in all meetings of the Association, state and put all questions, and announce the vote of the body. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the Association, prepare and superintend the printing of the Minutes, distribute them, and enter them in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the Association subject to the order of the Association, and shall make at each annual meeting a report of the Association.

Art. 6. This Association shall have no power to interfere with the internal affairs of the churches, but it shall be its business to advise and aid the affairs of the church in the accomplishment of the object specified in the second article of this Constitution.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist church, by sending delegates to the annual meeting of the body, may be admitted into this union, provided that no church shall be received except by the unanimous vote of the delegates present.

Art. 8. This Association shall correspond by delegates with kindred institutions whenever convenient, but no delegate from any other Association shall be allowed to vote in this.

Art. 9. Any church in good order, wishing to withdraw from this Association, shall, upon making a written request to that effect, be entitled to dismission.

Art. 10. It will be expected of the churches composing this Association to remit the funds intended by them for the promotion of the object specified in second article to the Association, and such funds shall be faithfully applied according to the direction accompanying them. Nothing in this article or in this Constitution shall be construed to compel the churches to contribute to any object.

Art. 11. Alterations or amendments to this Constitution, provided they do not affect the second, sixth and tenth articles,

may be made by a proposition to any annual meeting, subject to approbation of two-thirds of the members present at the next annual meeting.

Art. 12. Be it enacted by the Cedar Grove Association that the Constitution governing this Association shall be amended so as to read: "One holding an office of this Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this Association until his successor is elected and qualified."

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That in the morning of each session of this Association some time be spent in devotional exercises.

2. That this Association shall maintain a spirit of forbearance and Christian kindness toward all brethren in the Lord.

3. That no brother can be ordained without he has some education and a gift for the work of the gospel of Christ in faith fully given to God's work what is due it.

4. That the churches in this Association be requested to refrain as much as possible from the transaction of the church business on the Lord's Day, and endeavor to meet regularly on Saturday before their regular appointed Lord's Day for that purpose.

5. That sisters of our church be recommended to form themselves into societies to raise funds by voluntary contributions and monthly fees to aid all pastors and other ministers and to build houses of worship.

6. That no church shall be organized or recognized as in good order that pays less than twenty dollars annually to the support of the gospel.

7. That we hereby condemn the act of a Baptist church receiving into her membership from a sister Baptist church any person without a proper letter of dismission.

8. That we disapprove of the act of a Baptist church receiving into her membership any person expelled from a sister Baptist Church.

9. That we disapprove of organizing a company or a part of a company into a church without letters of dismission from the church to which they belong.

10. That while we recognize the independence of a Baptist church, we cannot believe said church is at liberty to enact a law of usage contrary to the denomination to which they belong or are identified.

11. That we believe it to our interest as Baptist churches to cling to and practice the New Testament standard.

12. That we recommend to our brethren of the Association the obtaining of a thorough knowledge of Baptist church government.

13. That any minister preaching false doctrine shall be ordered by any deacon or minister hearing the same to go before ministerial council for instruction and admonitions. If he persists he shall be nonrecognized by this Association as a minister of the gospel.

14. That it is to the best interest of the churches of this Association to call ministers belonging to this Association for pastors.

15. That any church stubbornly and willfully refusing to take the advice of the Association shall be dropped from our Minutes and no longer considered a member of this Association.

16. That no minister should be ordained unless usefulness actually demands it.

17. That the churches in our bounds which have young men licensed to preach will endeavor to raise an educational fund to support such young men in Cedar Grove Academy, that they may be able to obtain an education.

18. That no minister dealing in ardent spirits or malt liquors, or having an interest in any firm, saloon, grocery or jug tavern or trafficking in alcoholic drinks shall be recognized by this Association.

19. That no church should retain any minister as their pastor who habitually indulges in the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

20. That no church should retain a deacon or any other member that traffics in ardent spirits or that patronizes the habitual use or sale of intoxicating drinks.

21. That no church tolerate drunkenness in any of its members, but that every offense should be properly dealt with.

22. That this Association commit the entire Sabbath school work to the Sabbath School Union.

23. That each church pay $3.00 associational dues instead of $2.50, and that the additional 50 cents be used for the support of superannuated ministers and for no other purpose.

24. Hereafter no candidate shall be ordained to the ministry without our bounds unless he is competent of mastering the English language correctly and also have a competent knowledge of mathematics.

25. That the ordaining board of the Mount Zion District and of Olive Grove District constitute a committee to examine all ministers whom they think to be qualified to preach the gospel according to Baptist usages.

26. That we recommend that the herein session adopt the Baptist Hiscock's Directory as the standard, and the only standard by which the ministers shall be guided.

27. That after the adoption of the above report any minister failing to instruct his church in the same shall be non-recognized by the ministers of this Association. We also recommend that all complaints against any minister be referred to the ordaining board.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve order, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

He shall have a right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but he may call the Vice-Moderator to the chair, and may have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

7. When two or more persons shall arise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself finally from the Association without leave from the Association.

10. Decency of speech must be observed and personal reflection must be avoided.

11. While the Moderator is putting the question no person shall speak, stand up or walk across the house, nor when the member is speaking, engage in private conversation, stand up or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, postpone or amend.

13. All committees shall consist of three, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day to select ministers to preach each day of the Association and give notice to the preachers, whose duties it shall be to conform to the arrangements.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be altered or suspended unless by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

17. Rules of decorum shall be read the first day of each session of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES.	Oganized.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Experience.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Lost by Letter.	Lost by Exclusion.	Lost by Death.	Present Membership.	Church Days.	Paid to Pastor.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sick and Needy.	Incidentals.	Indebtedness.	Value of Churches.
Allen's Chapel	----	10	--	1	1	----	----	----	132	1	$110.00	------	--	$ .50	$-----	$-----	$55.40	$1,200
Beulah	----	14	15	--	--	1	----	1	163	2	100.00	------	--	------	5.00	------	------	1,825
Burton's Chapel	----	3	--	--	1	----	4	----	49	3	25.00	------	--	------	5.00	------	------	400
Blackwell	----	14	--	--	3	----	1	1	136	1	125.00	------	--	2.00	5.00	------	------	2,125
Blue stone	1886	6	2	--	--	5	4	----	198	2	168.30	------	--	------	16.30	------	------	1,500
Bold Spring	1901	--	--	--	1	----	1	----	32	1	45.00	------	--	------	5.00	------	------	300
Ephesus	1894	10	--	--	1	----	----	----	97	3	97.79	------	--	------	4.00	------	------	1,500
Graves' Chapel	1874	29	--	3	--	3	----	----	142	--	90.00	------	--	------	19.69	------	------	1,000
Gwyn's Chapel	1907	6	--	--	1	----	1	2	83	--	84.91	------	--	------	14.00	------	------	600
Hamer	1870	--	1	1	2	1	1	3	106	3	140.75	------	--	------	21.45	------	3.00	1,400
Hyco Zion	1881	13	--	4	3	3	1	1	228	1	120.00	------	--	------	2.00	------	------	1,800
High Street, Milton	1865	11	1	2	1	----	1	2	121	4	72.00	------	--	------	22.00	------	------	1,000
High Rock	1865	8	9	--	6	1	2	3	175	4	159.69	------	--	------	18.82	------	------	1,200
Jones' Cross Roads	----	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	--	--------	------	--	------	------	------	------	------
Mount Olive	1903	3	--	--	--	----	----	----	59	1	49.35	------	--	------	------	------	------	1,000
Mount Hermon	----	8	2	--	1	----	5	3	179	3	169.80	------	--	------	10.30	8.60	------	1,500
Mount Zion	1868	11	--	1	5	1	2	4	250	2	150.00	------	--	5.00	20.00	------	18.00	2,600

Mount Bethel																		
Mill Hill	1877	31	2	3	8	4	7	6	376	4	150.00				73.00			2,000
Mayo Grove	1867	8		1	2		3	7	238	1	105.00						27.75	1,050
Mineral Spring		4		1			1		143	2	34.87				10.76		16.75	1,500
Morning Star	1912	2						1	24	3	70.00						160.00	800
New Hope		1			2		1		50	1	50.00				1.30			800
New Zion	1881				3	2	2	2	78	1	74.00				6.00			1,600
New Mount Zion																		
Olive Hill	1903	11						3	41	2	40.00			.50	1.02			400
Pleasant Grove		14			2	2	5	4	211	1	292.61				23.00			3,000
Prospect Hill	1877	16			3	5	6	9	284	3	177.89				20.99			1,400
Providence	1891	6			2	1			32	1	32.33							1,000
Red Hill		11			1		5	1	146	4	150.00							2,000
River Zion		7			2	2	3	1	143	2	169.00				37.00			1,500
Saint James	1868	4	4	1	4		5	2	305	3	125.00					2.68		2,000
Sweet Gum Grove	1870	18	14		2		4	2	174	4	85.00				75.00			1,200
Shady Grove	1866	16				2		1	202	3	190.89				25.00			1,200
Smith's Chapel		5	5	2	4		4	1	52	2	75.00				12.00			1,000
Sassafras Grove	1875	12			3		5	4	138	1	65.00				28.00			1,200
Spring Grove																		
Sunny Home	1911	11			1		1	2	53	1	100.00						75.00	900
Warren's Chapel	1909								38	2	30.45				2.55		45.00	400
Yanceyville	1884	6				1			65	4	59.00							900
Young's Chapel	1887	10	3		1	1	2	1	73	2	81.50			2.00	3.50			950
Zion's Level	1908	9	5	4					80	3	75.00				15.00			1,800

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